

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 26, 1847.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

AN ACT

For the increase of the marine corps of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3 *from and after the passage of this act, the United States marine*  
4 *corps as now organized shall consist of four additional captains,*  
5 *four first lieutenants, four second lieutenants, twenty-five ser-*  
6 *geants, twenty-five corporals, twenty-five drummers, twenty-five*  
7 *fers, and one thousand additional privates.*

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the officers thus*  
2 *provided for shall be appointed first by promotion according to*  
3 *rank in the marine corps, and then by selection; and that their*  
4 *nominations shall be submitted to the Senate for their advice*  
5 *and consent.*

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That the provisions of*  
2 *an act passed the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-*  
3 *four, entitled "An act for the better organization of the United*  
4 *States marine corps," be, and the same are hereby, made appli-*  
5 *cable in all respects to the provisions of this act.*

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That the soldiers en-*

2 listed under this act shall be entitled to the same bounty as may  
3 be provided for the soldiers to be enlisted under the act passed  
4 at this session of Congress.

1       SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President, at  
2 the termination of the Mexican war, shall reduce the marine  
3 corps to a number, both in men and officers, not exceeding the  
4 number now in service.

Passed the House of Representatives February 25, 1847.

Attest:

B. B. FRENCH, *Clerk*.